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AFFAIRS IN GREECE REMAIN UNCHANGED

Government is Said to Have Formally Protested Against Allies Fortifying Outside Saloniki

ITALIAN CAMPAIGN ALONE RETAINS ACTIVITY

European Interest is Centered Upon the Probabilities of Some

New But as Yet Undeveloped Upheaval—Turks Claim to Have Sunk a British Monitor in the Tigris River Near Kut-el Amara—Germany Has Lost the Small Cruiser Bremen and a Small Torpedo Boat in the Baltic Sea Through a Submarine Attack—London Observer Mentions as a Possibility the Last Desperate Move of Germany May be an Attempt to Invade England.

London, Dec. 19, 10.45 p. m.—During the relaxation in all the offensive campaigns, except the Italian pressure on the Austrians, which has followed the expulsion of the Serbian army from its own country. European interest is focused upon the probabilities of some new but as yet undeveloped upheaval.

It appears to be taken for granted on all sides that the policy of the central powers will be to attempt to gain a decision somewhere while their opponents will prefer to devote the winter to preparations for warfare in the spring.

There is much discussion in Great Britain of a reported Turkish-German attempt upon the Suez canal. Messages received from neutral countries professing to have German sources of information describe the German fleet Marshal Von der Goltz as equipping at Aleppo an army for an invasion of Egypt. The same correspondents assert that the Germans are collecting extensive droves of camels and donkeys for their transport.

A jury of the English writers who know Egypt declare that such a project would be hopeless.

The observer today considers a German attempt to invade England as a desperate gamble one of the foremost possibilities and that the extensive movements of troops in Belgium may mean preparations for disembarking at Zeebrugge and in the Scheldt river.

Officers returning from the western front express the belief that the fighting there on a big scale is impossible because the country is muddy and altogether in worse condition than last year.

The activity on the Gallipoli peninsula and small Italian gains are the only important military operations reported today.

Germany has lost the small cruiser Bremen and a small torpedo boat in the Baltic sea through a submarine attack. It is generally believed that the submarine was one of the English undersea squadron which recently has shown enterprise in those waters.

The Turkish claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river near Kut-el-Amara.

The Greek situation remains unchanged. The Greek government is reported to have formally protested against the entente allies fortifying Saloniki. This protest may be regarded as a technical one to keep the record clean.

HALF MILLION REFUGEES FLED FROM SERBIA.

Likely That Many Thousands Have Perished in the Mountains.

London, Dec. 20, 2.04 a. m.—Half a million refugees fled from Serbia, says the Times. Saloniki correspondent, preferring the horrible alternative of a winter flight into snow-covered mountains to submit to the Germans. Little is known of the fate of their fate, but it is only too likely that many thousands perished of cold or starvation or were devoured by wolves.

"When the converging Teutonic and Bulgarian armies swept over old Serbia most of the Serbian males not of fighting age betook themselves to the roads, while the women and children remained in their homes. Some 750,000 refugees thus assembled on the plain of Kosovo on the way to Albania and Montenegro. Of these a quarter of a million are persuaded to accept the authority of the Austro-Germans, the others fled. Persons who saw the refugees entering the Albanian and Montenegrin passes state that they were then subsisting chiefly upon the flesh of dead animals. The mountain of Montenegro being devoid of trees, it was almost impossible for them to make fires. If ever their suffering is told, it will pass in horror that of the Napoleonic retreat from Moscow.

"Ten thousand refugees, who reached the province of Saloniki, are being well cared for by the British relief and the American sanitary commission. Many of them are employed digging trenches for the allies around Saloniki."

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH RELINQUISHES COMMAND Issues Statement to Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

London, Dec. 19, 8.50 p. m.—Field Marshal Sir John French issued an order of the day yesterday before leaving the army on the western front, which contained the following:

"In relinquishing command of the British army in France I wish to express my appreciation to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men, with whom I have been so closely associated during the last 16 months, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign in which we have been so long

Cabled Paragraphs

Field Marshal French in Paris. Paris, Dec. 19, 4.15 p. m.—Field Marshal Sir John French arrived at Paris this evening from the front. He will be received tomorrow afternoon by President Poincare.

Mount Etna in Eruption. Catania, Sicily, Dec. 19.—Mount Etna again showing considerable activity. (Glowing cinders and smoke form an umbrella-shaped cloud above the volcano.)

British Generals Chaired. London, Dec. 19, 9.47 p. m.—Announcement was made today that Brigadier General Benjamin Hodson of the Indian army, and Brigadier General G. D. L. Ryrie of the Australians, have been wounded in the Dardanelles.

NO DIRECT WORD FROM GEN. VILLA.

Who Has Retired From Command of Troops Opposed to Carranza.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19.—No direct word was received here today from General Francisco Villa, who announced yesterday, according to despatches from Chihuahua City, that he had retired as a result of the Austro-German troops opposing the Carranza government in Mexico.

A rumor current here had it that Villa was on the march toward Chihuahua, and would cross the United States border at Columbus, N. M. It also was reported that he was crossing the desert toward Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas.

General Fidel Avila, Villa's governor of Chihuahua, denied today at headquarters in Yuma that Villa had retired. Avila said Villa would lead the forces opposing General Trevino near Chihuahua City and that the battle would begin tomorrow.

Miguel Diaz Lombardo, foreign minister in the Villa cabinet now in El Paso, said his chief had retired from command, but he declined to give more definite information.

SUICIDE ANNOUNCED OF RUMANIAN GENERAL.

Said to Have Been Suspected of Having Been Bribed by One of the Powers.

Geneva, via London, Dec. 19, 7.45 p. m.—Munich newspapers received here today a report that the general commanding the second Rumanian army corps. According to the story, the general was suspected of having been bribed by one of the powers. The minister of war ordered an inquiry, and his suspicions being confirmed, he sent two officers to inform General Jeneau of the results of the investigation. Two hours later General Jeneau killed himself.

MORTALITY AMONG FRENCH SICK AND WOUNDED.

Placed at Ratio of Only 18 in a Thousand—Good Hospital Conditions.

Paris, Dec. 19, 8 p. m.—Dr. Jacques Besson, director of medical statistics of the French army in a special report which has been prepared, states that the mortality among the sick and wounded in hospitals is only 18 in one thousand. The mortality ratio was 53 to 1,000. In peace times the Paris hospitals show a mortality of 106 in one thousand. The cause of the decrease is attributed to better hospital conditions.

FLINN NOT TO DESERT PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

Declares Pennsylvania Will Send 76 Delegates to National Convention.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 19.—William Flinn, announced tonight that he did not intend to desert the Progressive party and declared that Pennsylvania would send 76 delegates to the progressive national convention next year.

KILLED HIS FRIEND AND SHOT HIMSELF. A Merchant of Inverness, Miss, Brooded Over His Crime.

Inverness, Miss., Dec. 19.—C. D. Flinn, a wealthy lumberman, was shot and killed here early today, and A. P. Burnett, a merchant, charged with the crime, was found at his home with a bullet wound in his head, said to have been self-inflicted. The men formerly had been close friends and Flinn is believed to have attempted to end his own life while brooding over the killing.

OBITUARY.

Prof. Arthur William Wright.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—Prof. Arthur William Wright, a physicist, scientist and professor of experimental physics at Yale, from 1872 to 1906, died at his home here today in his 56th year. He was graduated from Yale in 1879.

Soon after his graduation, he collaborated important scientific articles in Webster's Dictionary, and again in 1890, he wrote more articles for this work. In 1887 he was named by the American government as a member of the essay commission.

Perhaps his most important scientific work was in 1878, when the United States government sent him to Colorado to observe a total eclipse of the sun. At that time he made the first measurement of the polarization of the solar corona. He was said to have been the first American to obtain refractive results from x-ray experiments.

Professor Wright contributed noteworthy articles in astronomy, physics and chemistry publications. He was a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain and a member of many American learned societies.

He leaves three children.

Movements of Steamships.

Gibraltar, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Steamers Italia, New York; Perugia, Genoa for New York.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Steamers St. Louis, New York; Salem, New York; New York.

Correspondents at Quilich.

London, Dec. 20.—A Christiania despatch to the Morning Post says that several newspaper correspondents as the result of a quarrel will quit the Ford peace expedition while the steamer is in that port.

President and His Bride in Virginia

ARE TO SPEND HONEYMOON AT HOT SPRINGS, VA.

GREETED BY CROWDS

President Has Directed That No Pictures be Taken of Mrs. Wilson or Himself During the Trip—President Wilson Will Attend Only Most Important Business.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 19.—President Wilson and his bride arrived here shortly after 9 o'clock this morning to spend their honeymoon. They were met at the station by a crowd of several hundred who applauded as they alighted from their private car. Waiting automobiles took them immediately to their hotel.

The distinguished couple, upon whom the eyes of the nation turned last night when they were married in Washington, came to begin their married life in the quiet seclusion of the mountains of the state in which both of them were born.

Showered With Congratulations. They were followed here by congratulatory letters from every part of the world. Messages of good wishes came from rulers of nations in Europe, presidents of several Central American countries, governors of states, diplomats, members of the senate and house and justices of the supreme court and from scores of personal friends and relatives. Many of them will answer personally from here.

During the two weeks or more before returning to Washington to take the official and social duties of the White House, the couple will golf, motor and climb mountains together, and as far as possible be protected from the prying eyes of the outside world.

Welcomed Enthusiastically. Hot Springs and its colony of visitors welcomed the president and his bride enthusiastically. When the crowd began to disperse, the president, the president and Mrs. Wilson appeared to be just as nervous as any newly-married pair. They smiled at each other and then, in about three days, they will be in Stockholm, Sweden. He said the party would grow as it traveled through neutral countries and that this would convince the belligerents that the rest of the world demanded peace immediately. By the time Copenhagen was visited and The Hague reached, probably two weeks later, Mr. Ford said, the peace movement would have a definite programme.

The members of the Ford party landed at 3 o'clock this morning and went to various hotels. The weather is fine so the travelers will have a good chance to see Norwegian winter life.

After holding meetings while crossing the Atlantic and disagreeing over the question of the American preparedness policy, the 150 peace advocates arriving were anxious to learn what attitude would be adopted towards them by Europe.

Formal Meetings to Begin Today. Receptions by Christiania preachers and university professors and an unofficial call made by Albert C. Schmedeman, American minister to Norway, occupied the first day of the members of the peace expedition in Europe. Formal meetings will begin Monday.

Christiania newspapers publish long accounts regarding the Ford expedition, accompanying the stories with cartoons from foreign newspapers.

Public Meeting Aboard Ship. Just before the Oscar II reached Christiania the Ford guests held a public meeting aboard the ship. Samuel McVicker, of New York, said that unless the peace pilgrims stated their differences of opinion regarding President Wilson's preparedness policy, they would cause disaster to the expedition. He declared American preparedness was necessary and was not related to the peace efforts.

The Rev. Charles H. Aldred, pastor of the First Congregational church in San Francisco, maintained it was ridiculous for Americans to urge peace abroad while preparing for war at home.

Finally a resolution declaring that the delegates were unanimous for European peace was adopted.

WITNESSES SUBPOENAED FOR TRIAL OF KOENIG.

Accused of Plotting to Blow Up the Welland Canal.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Three witnesses wanted in connection with the arrest in New York of Paul Koenig, and others accused of plotting to blow up the Welland canal, left Niagara Falls today for New York under subpoena to appear before a federal grand jury.

Edward J. Schwartz, master mechanic at a power plant at the Falls and Mrs. Lisette Fuchs, step-mother of George Fuchs, who is also detained by the federal authorities.

All but Mrs. Fuchs said they knew nothing of Koenig or his activities. Koenig is a cousin of Mrs. Fuchs. He visited her home last summer, she said, but she heard no talk of any plot.

GERMANY TO RESPECT GREEK NEUTRALITY.

Report That They Contemplated Its Violation Unfounded.

Paris, Dec. 19, 10.20 p. m.—Telegrams from Athens today that Germany had bound for New York and London, the Havas correspondent says.

"Premier Skouloudis declared to the representative of an Athens newspaper (Saturday) the report that the German minister had informed him the Central Powers intended to violate Greek neutrality was unfounded."

The inaction for four days of the German and Bulgarian troops on the Greek frontier, however, the correspondent adds, "is attributed as much to diplomatic as to military reasons, and it is thought that the Germans are not sufficiently strong to attack the allies alone and are trying to overcome the objections to Bulgarian action on Greek soil."

"In political circles it is stated that the official negotiations have been begun."

MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS NEAR CHATTANOOGA.

To Be Established for Students, Business and Professional Men.

New York, Dec. 19.—A military training camp for students, business and professional men of the southern states, patterned after the one conducted at Plattsburgh, N. Y., last summer, is to be established next April at Fort Oglethorpe, Oglethorpe, Ga., near Chattanooga, Tenn. It was announced here tonight by Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the department of the east, who will have direct supervision over the camp.

Condensed Telegrams

Russian troops occupied Hamadan, Persia.

The First National Bank of Wart-race, Tenn., closed its doors.

Subscription to the new French loan from Argentina amount to \$3,000,000.

The Bank of England shipped \$15,000 pounds in sovereigns to the United States.

The Liverpool Produce Exchange will be closed December 23, 27, and January 1.

The 600 employees of the Chicago Belt Railway, who were on strike, returned to work.

Herbert Jones, King George's leading jockey, has deserted the saddle for the trenches.

The Lee Rubber & Tire Corp., of New York, was chartered at Albany with \$750,000 capital.

The French government is considering the extension of the moratorium until the end of the war.

Mrs. Herbert S. Asquith, wife of the British premier, died a suit for libel against the London "Globe".

The American Line steamer Philadelphia arrived in New York with \$3,425,000 in gold from London.

Charles H. Hayes and his wife were burned to death when they destroyed their home at Long Branch, N. J.

The naval Consulting Board, of which Thomas A. Edison is chairman, will meet in New York next Wednesday.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald McKenna denied that he is likely to be appointed Viceroy of India.

Edward T. Schwarz, a wealthy merchant of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., hanged himself in the gymnasium at his home.

Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed, recalled German military attaches, will sail for Germany from New York on Dec. 21.

Official figures show that the amount of wheat commandeered by the Canadian government was 15,612,681 bushels.

Jules Roche, French Deputy, stated in the Chamber of Deputies that the war so far had cost all Europe \$38,800,000,000.

Forty-four persons were killed, more than a hundred injured, and the entire town of Cullum, Miss., wiped out by a tornado.

An order for two 10,000 ton freight steamers was placed with the Fore Shipbuilding Co. by the Lukenbach steamship Co.

The nomination of C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, to be Interstate Commerce Commissioner was confirmed by the Senate.

Sixteen persons were killed, fifty persons injured, and several are missing in a triple train collision near Newcastle, Pa.

A strike of 4,000 switchmen on 17 railroads entering Chicago was threatened by the men who have a number of minor grievances.

Worthy Tootley, of Athens, N. Y., and Louis May, of Kingston, N. Y., were put to death by electricity at Sing Sing prison.

So many German prisoners of war are held by France that she cannot take care of them, and she has begun sending them to England.

Robbers entered the saloon of the Joseph Phoenix Company of Fall River, Mass., and carried away a small safe containing \$250.

Secret Service operators have discovered a counterfeit \$10 gold certificate, and the counterfeiters are one inch longer than the genuine.

Sir Ernest Cassel donated \$250,000 to the King Edward's Hospital fund for London. He gave a similar amount to the same fund in 1911.

Joe Madura, a miner, was murdered as he was leaving the Berwind-White Co.'s mine at Windber, Pa. His assailant drove a pick through his heart.

A bill empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix a minimum rate for a maximum transport rate for railroads was introduced in the Senate.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announced that the interruption in the Persian telegraph lines between Tehran and Kerman, and not Tehran and Karachee.

The Swedish steamship Stockholm, formerly the Holland-American liner, was bound for New York from Gothenburg, was taken into Kirkwall by a British warship.

German, Bulgarian and Austrian prisoners of war numbering 49,750, captured by the Serbians, passed through Marseilles, France, en route to a concentration camp.

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Between 15 and 30 persons were killed at Spokane, Wash., Saturday when a street car plunged through the Division street bridge over the Spokane river.

Levi Corbin, aged 20 of Fort Kent, Me., was convicted of shooting at a customs officer at Fort Kent on June 18, in the Federal court, and fined \$500. In default of payment, he was committed to jail.

The schooner John W. Dana, of Boston, wrecked off Chandelier Island with a cargo of asphalt, was sold at auction by the underwriters at Gulfport, Miss., for \$11. The cargo was originally valued at \$25,500.

The British steamer Carlgary, from Bathurst, N. S., for New York, put in to Vineyard Haven with the body of Arthur Johnson of Toronto, the first of the 65th Overseas battalion, according to word received here today from Saskatoon, Sask. A. W. Madden, formerly a jockey well known on American tracks, also has enlisted. Each has been made a sergeant.

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Leaped 40 Feet to Save His Child

HEROIC ACT OF FRANK EDGERTON OF CENTRAL VILLAGE

CHILD FELL INTO RIVER

The River, Swollen by Recent Rains and Melted Snow, Was Unusually High and Swift, But It Was No Deterrent to Brave Father—Both Safely Landed.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Central Village, Dec. 19.—Frank Edgerton, boss weaver in the mill of the Central Worsted company here, proved himself a hero and a man of iron nerve when he leaped 40 feet Sunday afternoon from the railroad bridge in Central Village into the icy and swift-moving waters of the river to rescue his daughter, aged 4, a girl of four or five years, who had accidentally fallen from the bridge into the river while crossing the structure with her parents.

Rescued with Difficulty. The pair were rescued with difficulty and apparently neither will be much the worse for the experience, after a short time.

Since late in summer the highway bridge near Bragg's mill has been closed that an old structure might be replaced by a new one. Delays in completing the work have forced many persons who did not wish to go far out of their way to use the high railroad bridge nearly as a means of getting across the river.

Desperate Plunge of Father. Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton and their little daughter were among those who used the bridge during Sunday. The child's fall off the bridge landed her into a swift current and she was being swept down stream when her father, a large and heavy man, took the desperate plunge after her. He struggled for a moment, then, with much the little one and finally succeeded in doing so and probably in the nick of time. Witnesses of the accident, hurriedly securing blankets, which were pushed out to the struggling Edgerton, were rewarded with success in their efforts at rescue.

Mr. Edgerton and his daughter were hurried to their home and given every necessary treatment. It is understood that the inability to swim from their experience.

AMERICAN SHIPYARDS WERE NEVER SO BUSY.

98 Merchant Vessels of Over 3,000 Tonnage Are Under Construction.

Washington, Dec. 19.—American ship yards have under construction now more vessels than ever before in the history of the United States. The total tonnage of ships under construction is 3,583,834 tons, a net gain of 1,000,000 tons since July 1st. There was a net gain of 187 ships since July 1st, a net gain of 1,000,000 tons since July 1st.

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NEW AMERICAN NOTE TO AUSTRIA BEING CABLED.

A Veil of Secrecy Has Surrounded the Communication.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The new American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona is understood to have been cabled tonight to Ambassador Pendergast for presentation to the Vienna foreign office.

Secretary Lansing and other officials of the state department declined to divulge any information concerning the note. From other reliable sources, however, came a strong intimation that the original draft of the note had been completed and had been sent to the cable and started on its way over the cables.

A veil of secrecy has surrounded the communication ever since a White House messenger carried a preliminary draft from President Wilson to Secretary Lansing last night.

FARMERS' MARKETING AND PURCHASING ORGANIZATION.

Cooperative Business This Year Amounts to More Than \$1,400,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Farmers' cooperative marketing and purchasing organizations will transact this year a total business amounting to more than \$1,400,000,000, according to the estimate made in the annual report of the office of the markets and rural organization of the department of agriculture, made by Secretary Lanning during the day and had been sent to the cable and started on its way over the cables.

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